139. Needs of Kozhanchery.

REV. K. T. THOMAS KATHANAR (*Member, Nominated*) said that representations were made in the Assembly at the 23rd and the 24th sessions regarding the need for a bridge at Kozhanchery. Memorials had also been submitted to Government by the public on the subject. In 1103 the Dewan himself inspected the place and he was apparently convinced of the necessity of a bridge there. A sum of Rs. 500 was accordingly provided in the Budget of 1103 for preliminary works in connection with this bridge, but nothing was done yet in the matter. With the provision of this bridge as also of the Vallankulam bridge already under construction, a direct route will be established between the British Districts to the east and Alleppey, Cochin and other important trading centres on the sea-coast.

The Mannarakulanji-Kozhanchery road should be converted into a cart road. The road passed through the most fertile parts of the Pattanamtitta taluk and if made a cart road was bound to prove a great blessing to the ryots in these regions.

An assistant medical officer and a lady doctor should be appointed in the Kozhanchery district hospital. Over 200 patients attended the hospital daily. The present staff consisted of a surgeon, a compounder, a midwife, a nurse and a few peons. This staff was too poor for the needs of the hospital.

The police charging station at Aranmulai should be shifted to Kozhanchery, an out-post being provided, if necessary, at Aranmulai. Kozhanchery was a much more important place than Aranmulai and deserved to have a police station.

The Kozhanchery market and the landing should be extended. The width of the landing was barely 24 feet. In this narrow area, about 150 boats, hundreds of school children, as many other passengers, innumerable motor cars and bullock-carts had all to find their place particularly on market days. The importance of Kozhanchery as a market for all the hill-produce from the eastern parts could not be exaggerated. It was highly imperative therefore that the market and the landing should be extended.

A major conservancy station should be established at Kozhanchery. The minor conservancy station already established there was quite inadequate. A major station should be established there so as to comprise the pakuthies of Kozhanchery, Aranmula, Airur and Nedumprayar. The station may require only a staff of one conservancy officer on Rs. 15, one peon on Rs. 9, and eight sweepers on Rs. 7½ each.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Thomas Kathanar, the Government have as you say received a petition from the people of Kozhanchery presented by Dr. Koshy Palakunnath regarding a bridge at Kozhanchery. As you recall to my mind I have myself visited the place and examined the possibility of a bridge there. The matter is now under investigation by the Chief Engineer.

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Then in regard to the conversion of the Mannarakulanji-Kozhanchery road, the whole matter has been held up owing to some delay in the transfer of land. The Land Revenue Commissioner has just written to say that he will see that the Mannarakulanji road receives proper attention and the lands are handed over as early as possible. Thereupon the P. W. D. will carry out the work.

The next point is the assistant medical officer for the Kozhanchery hospital. As the Administrative Board observes, the statistics of inpatients and outpatients of the Kozhanchery hospital is about the same as those in the hospitals at Alwaye and Parassala and these are served by a single medical officer in each case. There is no need for an assistant. However, the Board is giving the matter its attention and seeing whether an additional medical officer is justifiable for the place, and if so what grade of officer should be posted there. In the matter of a lady doctor there is at present a shortage of women doctors on the establishment and the Board will consider the question of posting a woman doctor there.

As regards the shifting of the Police charging station at Aranmula to Kozhanchery the question of reallocation of Police stations is being examined.

As regards the Kozhanchery market, the Land Revenue Commissioner says that it needs enlargement and that urgently. He wanted to expel the Anchal Superintendent from the Anchal Office there and convert it and add it on to the market. But the Anchal Superintendent has made out a strong case justifying his remaining there and not handing it over to the market. So I shall ask the Land Revenue Commissioner to find a suitable place elsewhere either for the market or for the Anchal office.

You also spoke about the widening of the Kozhanchery kadavu. I shall ask the Chief Engineer to submit proposals in respect of that matter.

Orders will issue shortly to the Sanitary Commissioner to open a major conservancy station at Kozhanchery.

140. Needs of Pantalam Vadakkekara.

MR. MULUR S. PADMANABHA PANICKER (*Member, Nominated*) spoke on the following needs of Pantalam Vadakkekara:

The Tumpamon-Kozhanchery road should be opened soon. A plan and an estimate had already been prepared for the road.

A grant-in-aid should by awarded to the Vaidyasala maintained by Mr. Govinda Kaniyar at Elavantitta.

Lights should be put up, one at the eastern and another at the southern gate, of the Sri Mula Rajagopala Vilasom market. Jack trees should be planted in the market. The shops and houses in the market which were kept in a very insanitary condition should be shifted to the eastern side of the market. The lands released by the shifting of these buildings could be given to the persons from whom certain lands near

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